



The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

Monthly Mews


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Open: Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-7pm; Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 12-5pm

February Is Adopt A Rabbit Month




The first thing to consider is that rabbits have a long life span, so be prepared to care for your pet rabbit for a long time. They are also special animals, who form tight bonds with their families. They also need some routine vet care from a good rabbit vet. If you are prepared for all the special qualities and needs of a rabbit, you will best be able to fully enjoy the wonderful companionship they can offer.

 **Choosing a healthy rabbit:** A fairly quick look at a potential pet rabbit will help you sort out if there are any obvious signs of illness. By having a close look at a rabbit you are considering, you also get to see the personality of the rabbit. There are lots of rabbits who need a second chance at a forever home.

 **Choose a rabbit cage:** Choosing the right kind of cage for your rabbit is very important. Cages that are spacious enough, easy to clean, and easy for your rabbit to get in and out of will make sharing your home with a rabbit much easier. A cage that is large enough is important, but is no substitute for exercise and social time out of the cage.

 **Safety.** Make sure everyone knows how to safely handle your new pet.

 **Feeding your pet rabbit:** Even the best quality rabbit pellet is not enough on its own for pet rabbits. Plenty of fresh grass hay is very important in a rabbit's diet, as are fresh greens and vegetables. The right diet is important to keeping pet rabbits healthy.

For more information on animal safety, please visit www.aspca.org



Fun Kid Crafts

Bake Some Rabbit Cookies

- Place two small carrots and a banana in a blender. Process on "puree" until very smooth.
- Add a half-cup of rolled oats, ground fine in a coffee grinder and a half cup of whatever rabbit pellets you are feeding.
- Blend until smooth and roll out between two pieces of waxed paper, then cut into small cookies.
- Cover a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and place the unbaked rabbit cookies on the sheet.
- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees and place the cookies in the oven. Turn oven off after 30 minutes and let the cookies remain in the oven until cool.
- Add the cooled cookies to your pet rabbit's diet sparingly. Hold them up and teach them to do tricks to get the cookies.



Share dried apple rings with your pet rabbit as a tasty toy.

Thread bailing twine through the open center of a few dried apple slices. Tie the slices from the roof of the rabbit cage with enough twine to let them dangle down for the rabbit to chew on.

Most Of All Love & Enjoy Your New Friend !